is not one of the considerations which made him one of the most suited to do this work?

Mr. President.—Government must emphatically repudiate the suggestion contained in that question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—They may repudiate it, but I have asked a definite question.

Mr. President.—I have answered specifically the suggestion contained in the Hon'ble Member's question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Thank you, Sir.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Were Messrs. M. K. Kunju Ezhuthassan and V. K. Narayanan Ezhuthassan consulted before this tender was given to Mr. Inasu?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have already explained to the Council in connection with a cut motion that we could not have entrusted the work to Mr. Narayanan Ezhuthassan as he was at that time doing a work costing about 60 thousand rupees. Mr. M. K. Kunju Ezhuthassan could not have been in any case entrusted with the work.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the financial position of Messrs. Ranade & Sons? Are they not in a position to take up the work? Are not they big railway contractors?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is absolutely no reflection on their ability to do the work. They are quite capable.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not the work taken up by Narayanan Ezhuthassan practically closed when this work was started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, Sir.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not the work completed now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What more work has he to do to complete the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 70 per cent of the work has been done.

Talapalli Magistrate's Court—Housing of.

129. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether subsequent to the last Budget Session they have done anything regarding the representation made in the Council regarding the housing of the Talapalli Magistrate's Court in a better and more ventilated building than the one where the same is held now;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, where the matter stands now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government come to any decision regarding the desirability of shifting the present building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal was to construct an additional building for the purpose. Government have sanctioned it, but have postponed it for want of funds. According to the availability of funds this work will be taken up.

State Museum—supply of beef—rates regarding.

130. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the rates at which beef was supplied in the State Museum in the years 1109 and 1110;

(2) the rate at which beef is being supplied in 1111;

(3) who was the officer who called for the tenders in the above mentioned years?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(1) 0—0—4¾ per lb. in 1109.
0—0—4¼ per lb. in 1110

(2) 0—1—6 per lb.

(3) Honorary Superintendent.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the quantity of beef that is necessary for the Zoo?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—55,270 pounds.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know the rate at which the tender was accepted for 1112?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—3½ pies.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Has not the Honorary Superintendent reported that the rate for 1111 is 1 anna 6 pies?

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